

## City of Alexandria, VA

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## Media Advisory

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Alexandria Commission for the Arts Seeks Nominations for the 2009 Alex Arts Awards – Deadline is September 25, 2009

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WHERE: Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria, VA

WHO: Alexandria Commission for the Arts, Office of the Arts and the Rotary Club

of Alexandria

WHAT: The Alexandria Commission for the Arts is seeking nominations for the 2009 Alex Arts Awards.

The program recognizes individuals, organizations, schools, and businesses that have made exceptional contributions to cultural life in the City of Alexandria. All nominations must be submitted to the

Commission's office at the Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron, Alexandria, VA by 4 p.m.

on Friday September 25, 2009.

The annual program, sponsored by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and the Office of the Arts, promotes interest and involvement in the arts by recognizing those have excelled over the past year in their contribution to the Arts of Alexandria. In prior years, the ACA has awarded Alex Arts Awards for specific categories. This year, two awards will be given, each recognizing an overall contribution to our City's strong arts culture.

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts invites colleagues to nominate individuals they believe helped inspire and sustain a creative environment for the Alexandria community throughout this past year. Nominees' contributions may be in a variety of ways including excellence in an artistic discipline. excellence in their service to the arts, an outstanding contribution to arts education or innovative business and arts partnerships.

To receive a nomination form or to request further information, please call the Commission's office at 703.838.6348, email aca@alexandriava.gov or visit www.AlexandriaCommissionForTheArts.org.

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Commission and the Office of the Arts, a division of the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities, work together to promote and cultivate the arts in the City of Alexandria. For more information, please visit their web sites at www.alexandriacommissionorthearts.org and www.alexandriava.gov/arts.

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